

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JOHN SINRUD**, on February 11, 2005 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 317-B Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. John Sinrud, Chairman (R)
Sen. Lane L. Larson, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Rosalie (Rosie) Buzzas (D)
Sen. Mike Cooney (D)
Sen. Rick Laible (R)
Rep. Jon C. Sesso (D)
Sen. Corey Stapleton (R)
Rep. Janna Taylor (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Marilyn Daumiller, Legislative Branch
Greg DeWitt, Legislative Branch
Harry Freebourn, Legislative Branch
Taryn Purdy, Legislative Branch
Jamie Mickelson, Committee Secretary

Please Note. These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted:

Executive Action: Department of Administration,
Montana Consensus Council
Judiciary, Governor's Office

Greg DeWitt gave a brief overview of a handout labeled, "General Government and Transportation Subcommittee Wrap Up."

EXHIBIT(jgh54a01)

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON STATE PERSONNEL DIVISION

Discussion:

CHAIRMAN SINRUD asked the Committee to turn to Page A-239 to DP 3.

SEN. COONEY asked the Committee to reconsider their action on this Decision Package.

REP. BUZZAS stated that there may be some information that the Committee did not receive when the DP was discussed. She stated that the Committee is being asked to cover the cost of daycare for State employees. She commented that most State employees earn \$11.00 an hour. She clarified that the \$5,000 is not where the Committee needs to make cuts.

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Motion/Vote: **SEN. COONEY** moved to RECONSIDER THE PREVIOUS ACTION ON DP 3 STATE DAYCARE. Motion carried 5-3 by roll call vote with **SEN. LAIBLE**, **REP. SINRUD**, and **REP. TAYLOR** voting no.

Motion/Vote: **SEN. COONEY** moved that DP 3 STATE DAYCARE LEASE RATE INCREASE IN BE ADOPTED. Motion carried 5-3 by roll call vote with **SEN. LAIBLE**, **REP. SINRUD**, and **REP. TAYLOR** voting no.

Discussion:

SEN. COONEY commented that he would like to offer this benefit to all State employees and he thought it was money well spent.

REP. TAYLOR challenged **SEN. COONEY'S** statement by commenting that the \$5,000 is in addition to \$32,000 that the State already pays for daycare for State employees.

REP. BUZZAS asked who will pay for daycare if the Committee does not approve this DP.

SEN. LAIBLE stated that this is a fairness and hardship issue, if \$30,000 is divided up between 75 children each year, each parent would receive \$400 per child per year.

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EXECUTIVE ACTION ON EQUIPMENT PROGRAM

IRIS LANGUAGE ON Page A-129

Motion/Vote: SEN. LAIBLE moved to RECONSIDER THE LANGUAGE ON PAGE A-219. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion/Vote: SEN. COONEY moved to APPROVE LANGUAGE ON PAGE A-219 FOR IRIS COSTS AT \$4.0 MILLION. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON GENERAL SERVICES PROGRAM

INTERAGENCY MAIL RATE Page A-202 thru A-206

Motion/Vote: SEN. COONEY moved to RECONSIDER INTERAGENCY MAIL RATE. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion/Vote: REP. SESSO moved to MODIFY INTERAGENCY MAIL RATES TO \$162,180 FOR FY 2006 AND FY 2007 BE ADOPTED. Motion carried unanimously.

CENTRAL STORES Page A-206 thru A-208

Motion/Vote: SEN. COONEY moved to RECONSIDER THE MOTION ON CENTRAL STORES RATES. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Discussion:

SEN. COONEY stated that the Central Store Program cannot operate under these rates and the Committee needs to give the Central Store Program more flexibility to operate.

Mr. DeWitt passed out two handouts labeled, "Central Stores," and "Appropriation Language for Central Stores." He explained that there are two sets of language. He commented that with the Central Stores handout, the Department may charge two tiers of rates. He recommended that the Committee keep the rates that they have already approved at three percent.

EXHIBIT(jgh54a02)

EXHIBIT(jgh54a03)

CHAIRMAN SINRUD explained that if the Committee were to approve either revision they need to state what the Central Stores Program is able to do with the rates.

Motion/Vote: **SEN. LAIBLE** moved to **APPROVE CENTRAL STORES RATES AND LANGUAGE ON EXHIBIT 2 REMOVING THE WORD EXCLUSIVELY**. Motion carried 7-1 by roll call vote with **SEN. LARSON** voting no.
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Motion/Vote: **SEN. LAIBLE** moved to **CLOSE DISCUSSION ON THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION BUDGET**. Motion carried 7-1 by roll call vote with **SEN. LARSON** voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

Discussion:

CHAIRMAN SINRUD explained a handout labeled, "Montana Department of Revenue Collection Fees Paid for the Collection of Child Support." He stated that the Committee needs to have a decision package to take \$73,500 and \$230.00 out of the general fund to compensate Debt Code 043 and 044.

EXHIBIT(jgh54a04)

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REP. BUZZAS asked if the Committee is approving the total for Debt Code 043 and 044 coming out of the general fund. **CHAIRMAN SINRUD** stated that the Committee needs to approve Debt Code 043 and 044 together, because this is for people who overpaid.

REP. TAYLOR asked if this is an overpay problem. **CHAIRMAN SINRUD** clarified that when someone overpays their child support, it is collected back to the Department of Revenue. He commented that the Department is still taking \$230 out of that and charging the people whom overpaid. He explained that Debt Code 44 is the collection that comes from tax returns.

REP. BUZZAS asked if the money will go to the custodial parent. **CHAIRMAN SINRUD** explained that the money will go to the custodial parent who has the children. He commented that the custodial parent is the parent who receives child support.

Mr. DeWitt stated that he can write a decision package that will appropriate the 10 percent out of general fund for the collection fee. He recommended that the Committee approve the rates and pay the collection agencies through the appropriation.

Mr. Peterson stated that if the Committee approves the rate within the internal service fund, the Department can cover the rates, rather than, make the appropriation higher so the Department doesn't run out of money.

CHAIRMAN SINRUD stated that the Committee needs a motion to approve the rates as requested, but not charge the 10% fee for Debt Code 043 and 044.

Motion/Vote: REP. SESSO moved to APPROVE RATES FOUND ON PAGE A-166 and LANGUAGE SPECIFYING NOT TO CHARGE FOR DEBT CODE 043 AND 044. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion/Vote: REP. SESSO moved to APPROVE \$147,460 BIENNIAL and RESTRICTED INTO THE DELINQUENT ACCOUNT PROGRAMS FROM GENERAL FUND BE ADOPTED. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. REP. SINRUD voting by proxy.

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Discussion:

Mr. DeWitt stated that the Committee is on the second bullet under the Department of Revenue on Exhibit 1. He commented that the MBARS generated different costs (\$8,619 less for the biennium) than shown on the worksheet provided by the Department for hiring 3.00 FTE to collect delinquent income tax receivables. He commented that the Committee may want to reconsider its action and approve the funding that the budgeting system generates, instead of the numbers provided by the department. Also, a review of the costs indicates that \$8,400 of the costs in FY 2006 could be made one-time-only (OTO).

Motion/Vote: REP. SESSO moved to RECONSIDER ACTION ON DP 604, DELINQUENT INCOME TAX RECEIVABLES BE ADOPTED. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion/Vote: SEN. COONEY moved NEW PROPOSAL DP 0604 DELINQUENT INCOME TAX RECEIVABLE COLLECTION AT \$253,584, WITH \$8,400 IN FY 2006 AS OTO BE ADOPTED. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

EXHIBIT(jgh54a05)

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Discussion:

CHAIRMAN SINRUD stated that the Committee needs a motion to close the Department of Revenue section.

REP. BUZZAS challenged **CHAIRMAN SINRUD'S** proposal to close the discussion on the Department, because she wanted to reconsider DP 111. She commented that it is a high priority for the State and she wants to make it OTO and restricted.

SEN. STAPLETON commented that it is unrealistic to have DP 111 as OTO.

Motion/Vote: **REP. BUZZAS** moved to RECONSIDER DP 111 AN INCREASE IN FUNDING FOR 8 FTE FOR COMPLIANCE ACTIVITIES. Motion failed 4-4 by roll call vote. **REP. SESSO, SEN. LARSON, SEN. COONEY, AND REP. BUZZAS** all voting aye.

Motion/Vote: **SEN. LAIBLE** moved CLOSE EXECUTIVE ACTION ON THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE. Motion failed 4-4 by roll call vote. **SEN. LAIBLE, REP. SINRUD, SEN. STAPLETON, and REP. TAYLOR** all voting aye.

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SEN. COONEY left the meeting at 8:55 A.M.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON THE CONSENSUS COUNCIL

Discussion:

REP. SESSO explained that the Montana Consensus Council has been around for about a decade and was created by Governor Racicot. He commented that last session the authority of the council was transferred to a separate agency administratively attached to the Department of Administration. He stated that over the past decade the funding for the program had been a combination of grants and contracts, with little general fund money.

He explained that in 2003 there was a major transition in the Council and a new executive director came on board. He stated that in the budget package the Committee was asked to approve, there was no money allocated from the general fund for Consensus Council operations. He commented that he is asking for a limited amount from general fund to pay for the executive director position. He attested that he is not asking the Committee to consider full funding out of the general fund, but the security of contracts for services. He believes that it is important to

establish some general fund base associated with the executive directors position.

He stated that the first proposal is to provide general fund dollars for the biennium to the executive director. He explained that the second proposal is to take a modified FTE and put it into the system, but not to fund it with the general fund. His third proposal was to provide contingency language so the entrepreneurial system can be successful. He Stated that the Committee needs to provide the Consensus Council with a base to allow them to pursue the entrepreneurial structure of the council so that they can perform the services.

He believes that having a Consensus Council to pursue the resolution of disputes is the right way to keep people out of courts and a way to save money in the long run.

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REP. BUZZAS asked **REP. SESSO** if he is asking for the general fund to cover the cost of the director. **REP. SESSO** confirmed her question.

Motion/Vote: **REP. BUZZAS** moved that **STATEWIDE PRESENT LAW ADJUSTMENTS** and **BASE BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote with **SEN. COONEY** voting by proxy.

DP 301 INDIRECT ADMINISTRATIVE COST/BASE ADJUSTMENTS

EXHIBIT 6

Discussion:

CHAIRMAN SINRUD asked for some clarification on DP 301.

Mr. DeWitt stated that the Council was previously funded by a small amount from general fund, and was funded with a grant of \$75,000 per year that they no longer receive. He commented that the Consensus Council is now requesting funding through the legislature.

SEN. LAIBLE asked if the Committee approves DP 301 will it support the reduction of \$85,500.

CHAIRMAN SINRUD explained that the Committee has to approve DP 301 and then move on the REP. SESSO'S decision packages.

EXHIBIT(jgh54a06)

Motion/Vote: SEN. LAIBLE moved that DP 301 INDIRECT ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS BE ADOPTED. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. SEN. COONEY voting aye by proxy.

FUNDING STRATEGY FOR THE CONSENSUS COUNCIL Page 2 EXHIBIT 6

Discussion:

REP. SESSO moved DP 1, DP 2, and DP 3 as a funding strategy for the biennium and the language for the Consensus Council.

SEN. LAIBLE stated that he is going to support these decision packages and language, because he is seeing some great things being done with the Consensus Council.

SEN COONEY entered the meeting at 9:10 A.M.

Motion/Vote: REP. SESSO moved that DP 1, DP 2, AND DP 3 AS REQUESTED and the LANGUAGE BE ADOPTED. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

CHAIRMAN SINRUD left the meeting. 9:15 A.M.

Motion/Vote: REP. BUZZAS moved to CLOSE EXECUTIVE ACTION ON THE CONSENSUS COUNCIL. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. REP. SINRUD voting aye by proxy.
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HB 31

Discussion:

REP. ROBERTS addressed the Committee and gave a brief presentation on HB 31. He Stated that it was tabled in another Committee. He was asking for the Committee's support.

REP. TAYLOR asked if the Corrections Committee was a better place for HB 31. **REP. ROBERTS** clarified that the bill was tabled in the Corrections Committee.

REP. BUZZAS commented that she supported the bill. She stated that it could have a serious impact on substance abuse prevention and could be funded through the Governor's Budget.

SEN. COONEY stated that the Committee generally puts language in a bill expressing the hope to pass the bill.

SEN. LAIBLE commented that HB 31 was an early number and has been worked on for a long time and that the Committee needs to let HB 31 take its course. He commented that if the Committee interferes with the bill, that it will interrupt the process.

REP. BUZZAS explained that it is highly unlikely that putting language in the bill would change the current status of the bill, since it is tabled.

REP. ROBERTS stated that nobody seems to find any interest in funding HB 31.

Taryn Purdy, LFD, asked if the Committee was going to put language into the bill, or in the narrative that accompanies the bill. She advised the Committee that putting language in the bill for this purpose was not appropriate.

REP. BUZZAS Stated that it is highly unusual to put language in HB 2 at this early date.

Ms. Purdy informed the Committee that there is the option to put in contingent language in HB 2. She stated that it is not what the joint Committees have recommended.

SEN. LARSON stated that the majority of the Committee is in favor of the bill, however, they do not know enough about it to pass it.

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CHAIRMAN SINRUD entered the meeting. 9:30 A.M.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON THE JUDICIARY

DP 4511 VARIABLE COST FUNDING

Discussion:

Jim Oppedahl, Clerk of the Supreme Court, gave a brief explanation of the handout labeled, " DP 4511 Variable Cost Funding."

EXHIBIT (jgh54a07)

SEN. COONEY asked why the Committee needs to pass DP 4511

Amy Sassano, OBPP, Stated that in the last biennium there was some uncertainty in the cost of Judiciary. She informed the Committee that last session REP. LEWIS passed a bill that allows the Judiciary to carry \$1.8 million in fixed or variable costs that are in the base. She commented that this would fund Judiciary and put the money into the base.

CHAIRMAN SINRUD asked how much would be put into the base. **Mrs. Sassano** stated that the amount would be \$838,858.

Ms. Purdy stated that in the last biennium the Judiciary got a biennial appropriation. She explained the reason that the base went up in 2006 was because they spent money that would have been spent in 2005 in 2004. She clarified that the base is what got carried forward into 2007 and 2006. She stated that the budget captured those additional costs that are now being funded in a supplemental.

CHAIRMAN SINRUD asked if the committee approves the \$838,858 and the figure goes into the base, if then next session, the base would increase beyond the present law adjustment.

Ms. Purdy stated that, as an example, if the Judiciary received an appropriation of \$200 over the biennium, they would normally spend \$100 in each year, and the base would be \$100. As the Department went forward, however, because they had a biennial appropriation and because their costs were much higher in 2004 than anticipated, they spent \$150 and had \$50 left over. This makes the base \$150 rather than \$100 and the difference between the \$50 that they got and the \$150 that they will spend is in the supplemental. Over that period of time they will spend \$300 rather than \$200 and the base will be \$150. If the Committee were to fund the base in 2006 and 2007 at the level of 2004, there will be an immediate increase in the amount the Department has actually spent.

REP. SESSO asked why the Committee is reconsidering DP 4511 if it failed on a tie 4-4 vote. **Ms. Purdy** responded that when there is a tie vote the Committee has essentially taken no action and does not have to reconsider the motion. All they have to do is vote on the decision package.

Motion/Vote: SEN. COONEY moved to APPROVE DP 4511 ON PAGE A-44 AS REQUESTED BE ADOPTED. Motion carried 7-1 by roll call vote with SEN. STAPLETON voting no.

Motion/Vote: SEN. COONEY moved to CLOSE EXECUTIVE ACTION ON THE JUDICIARY carried unanimously by roll call vote.
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EXECUTIVE ACTION ON THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

Discussion:

Marilyn Daumiller, LFD, gave a brief presentation on the handout labeled, "Executive Action on the Governor's Office." This handout included:

- NP 334 Marketing MT & Business Recruit
- NP 555 Governor's Efficiency Council
- DP 222 Governor's Office Budget Increase
- HB 31 Office of Substance Abuse

EXHIBIT(jgh54a08)

Mrs. Daumiller explained the handout labeled, "Substance Abuse Prevention Office HB 31." She commented that it is a copy of the bill and fiscal note. She explained that the new item DP 3402 Office of Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment. She stated that the Committee has some options of OTO, restricted, and possibly a report.

EXHIBIT(jgh54a09)

NP 334 MARKETING MONTANA AND BUSINESS RECRUITMENT
EXHIBIT 10

Evan Barrett, Office of Economic Opportunity, gave a brief explanation of the handouts labeled, "Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity Draft Budget for Marketing Montana & Business Recruitment" and "Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity Draft Budget Contracted Services."

EXHIBIT(jgh54a10)

EXHIBIT(jgh54a11)

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Counter: 20 - 30}

SEN. COONEY left the meeting at 10:05 A.M.

Discussion:

SEN. LAIBLE stated that he is supportive of the concept, however, he thinks that local economic development should work with the State in order to be more effective. He commented that he would like to see the funding for the biennium be half of what it is currently except for personal services. He proposed that the request for NP 334 be \$600,000 for the biennium instead of \$1 million.

REP. BUZZAS commented that the NP does work with local economic development and that the Committee should support the full budget request.

SEN. LAIBLE stated that he is trying to reduce the budget and be supportive. He commented that he would like to put language into the bill to make it biennial so that they could use the money for either year.

Mr. Barrett explained that he has no problems with the Committee approving \$600,000 for the biennium and he appreciates the concept of putting the money into the base. He stated that the State cannot market itself and it relies on the local communities. He explained that the local communities do not have the resources to market themselves; so working together with the State, Marketing in Montana has the potential to be a very successful program.

SEN. STAPLETON stated that he is in favor of NP 334 and he supports the proposal for \$600,000 for the biennium.

REP. TAYLOR suggested that there be language put into NP 334 to have full reports back to a Committee.

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SEN. COONEY commented that he hopes that the Committee is not funding NP 334 at a level that doesn't give the proposal an opportunity to succeed.

SEN. STAPLETON stated that the Committee is offering an additional \$600,000 to the funds that are already in place.

SEN. COONEY left the meeting at 10:30 A.M.

CHAIRMAN SINRUD asked how many trade shows Mr. Barrett goes to in a year. **Mr. Barrett** stated that he attends about five trade shows per year and the cost is approximately \$8,000 per trade show, however, different shows have different expenses.

Motion/Vote: **SEN. LAIBLE** moved that DP 334 FOR \$600,000 FOR THE BIENNIUM INTO THE BASE WITH LANGUAGE TO REPORT TO A COMMITTEE BE ADOPTED. Motion carried 7-1 by roll call vote with **REP. SINRUD** voting no. **SEN. COONEY** voting aye by proxy.
{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Counter: 0 - 30}

PL 555 ADD A GOVERNOR'S EFFICIENCY COUNCIL

Discussion:

CHAIRMAN SINRUD explained that PL 555 is a request for \$400,000 OTO general fund for the 2007 Biennium to add a Governor's Efficiency Council.

SEN. LAIBLE stated that he does not agree with PL 555. He stated that he appreciates what the Governor is trying to do, but he doesn't think it is a necessity.

Motion/Vote: **SEN. LARSON** moved that PL 555 FOR \$400,000 OTO, GENERAL FUND, AND REPORT TO A COMMITTEE BE ADOPTED. Motion failed 4-4 by roll call vote. **REP. SESSO, SEN. LARSON, SEN. COONEY, AND REP. BUZZAS** all voting aye. **SEN. COONEY** voting aye by proxy.

SEN. COONEY entered the meeting at 10:45 A.M.

SEN. LARSON left the meeting at 10:45 A.M.

Discussion:

REP. TAYLOR stated that Scott Seacat explained that he could not serve on the Efficiency Council while working in the Audit Division.

SEN. STAPLETON commented that Scott Seacat came to the Committee with a letter from the Audit Committee stating three options for finding efficiencies; the first two were Committee Bills and the third one was to create a Governor's Efficiency Council that submits reports to the Auditor's Office.

CHAIRMAN SINRUD stated that there was never any action taken on PL 555. He stated that the Governor's Office has asked to reopen PL 222.

Motion/Vote: **REP. BUZZAS** moved RECONSIDER PL 222. Motion carried 5-3 with **REP. SINRUD**, **SEN. STAPLETON**, and **REP. TAYLOR** all voting no. **SEN. LARSON** voting aye by proxy.

{Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Time Counter: 0 - 10}

PL 222 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE BUDGET INCREASE

SEN. COONEY gave a brief explanation of the handout labeled, "Governor's Office Program 01 Executive Office Program." He commented that the Governor's Office has requested:

- Printing and marketing services
- Staff benefits
- Staff travel
- Consultants for the Office of Economic Opportunity

EXHIBIT(jgh54a12)

SEN. LAIBLE stated that **SEN. COONEY** would deduct paragraph D, he would be happy to support PL 555.

Bruce Nelson, Governor's Office, he explained that 20 to 50 calls per hour come into the Citizen Advocate Office. All of these e-mails and phone calls need to be responded to. The Governor's Office is requesting software to more efficiently and effectively respond to all of the e-mail and calls that the office receives.

CHAIRMAN SINRUD asked if the cost of the software is \$20,000 or \$40,000 per year. **Mr. Nelson** stated that \$40,000 is the entire cost of the software database, installation of the program, and maintenance costs.

REP. BUZZAS stated that the office is suggesting a more efficient way to be responsive to the public on an array of issues and this is an efficiency issue.

SEN. LAIBLE commented that every time there is a way to be more efficient, the Committee does not save any money. There is always

a need for more money, more software, and more FTEs. He stated that an honest way to look at PL 222 is simply another way to spend money.

SEN. STAPLETON stated that there should be a 3-5% increase in a budget for the biennium; however, a double digit increase is something that he strongly disagrees with.

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SEN. COONEY stated that jobs change and they increase or decrease based on the demand of the workload of the office. This Governor has a different way of communicating and working with the people of Montana than the last Governor. He asked the Committee to allow the Governor to do his job.

Motion/Vote: **SEN. COONEY** moved PL 222 FOR \$145,757 IN FY 2006 AND FOR \$137,615 IN FY 2007 AS OTO ON ITEMS A, B, AND C ON PAGE 1 AND B, C, D, AND E ON PAGE 2. Motion carried 6-2 by roll call vote with **REP. SINRUD** and **SEN. STAPLETON** voting no. **SEN. LARSON** voting aye by proxy.

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HB 31 OFFICE OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Discussion

CHAIRMAN SINRUD announced that this bill is tabled.

Mrs. Daumiller explained that HB 31 was tabled in committee and this would have provided authority to establish the position. She recommends that if the Committee is going to approve HB 31 they attach some language as OTO.

REP. BUZZAS commented that it is a very important position for the State to get out of the substance abuse problem. She stated that we give authority to establish the position on a OTO basis with a report attached at the end of the biennium.

SEN. STAPLETON expressed that he wants to review the bill more closely before making a motion.

Motion/Vote: **SEN. STAPLETON** moved CLOSE EXECUTIVE ACTION ON THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. **SEN. LARSON** voting aye by proxy.

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Exhibits 13-16 were handed out and never discussed throughout the meeting.

[EXHIBIT\(jgh54a13\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jgh54a14\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jgh54a15\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jgh54a16\)](#)

CHAIRMAN SINRUD stated that the Committee will meet at 11:00 A.M. on 2/15/05.

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:55 A.M.

REP. JOHN SINRUD, Chairman

JAMIE MICKELSON, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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